

Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Newington, Ocean Grove, Uniting Church in Australia

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A warm welcome is extended to all visitors today. God's richest blessings to you all.

SERVICES TODAY SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads 9.00am Barwon Heads

The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park

Holy Communion

9.00am Newington 9.00am Newington Mrs. Michelle Hardy Mr. Doug Gorwell

10.30am Ocean Grove 10.30am Ocean Grove

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Easter 4) Acts 4: 5-12, Psalm 23 I John 10: 11-18. John 10: 11-18

NEXT WEEK (Easter 5) Acts 8: 26-40, Psalm 22: 25-31 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8

KEY VERSE

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10: 11

BARWON HEADS NEWS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Please ring or send directly to Dianne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week. Email oguc@tpg.com.au or phone 5256 2477 and leave a message.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like prayer through the week, to activate the prayer chain, please contact Fay on 5254 1763 or 0447 314 377where you can leave a message and Fay will get back to you.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The AGM will be held today following the 9.00am service.

CROSSLIGHT: Due to a postal delay we did not receive the April Crosslight in time to distribute with our monthly newsletter. Copies are available in the church hall today. Please collect your own, and as many others you can deliver to anyone not present today.

ROSTERS: Sally Hobbs is currently preparing the roster for May– August. Can you please let her know if you are unavailable for any of these dates. Phone: (M) 0448 817 110 (H) 5243 0653

THANK YOU: Thank you to the person or persons who kindly took the table-cloths to wash after our evening service last week. Lydia and Jenny appreciate the help people give to make the dinner after the Contemporary service work so well.

HELPING OTHERS HELP: UCA, Scots-Memorial Mission in Hobart is seeking help. For many years now a small group of seamstress' have been making skirts (450 per year) for remote indigenous communities. They continually require wash and wear material suitable for skirts and elastic. Do you have any excess sitting in a cupboard at home. All donations can be given to Jenny Harwood.

PRAYER: Please pray for the staff and clients/recipients of frontier Services as it transitions through a restructure that will see many/all community service transferred to other providers.

All welcome to morning tea in the church hall after the service.

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE REVEREND DOCTOR JONG SOO PARK

Wednesday's at Newington 9.30am—12noon

Thursday's at Barwon Heads 9.30am—12noon
Except the second Thursday of the month when office hours
will be 2.30pm—5.00pm

Friday's at Ocean Grove 9.30am—12noon

"Sacrededge"
Spirituality in Diversity
A festival of arts, music & spirituality
Queenscliff Uniting Church May 1,2,3
Festival enquires 5258 1986 (Office Hours)
Registration 5258 2854 (Office Hours) Cost \$159.00

Monday April 27th Parish Executive Meeting 4.00pm in the foyer of the Ocean Grove Church

Please note that the correct time is now published!

Saturday May 2nd "Safe Church Seminar" 1.30—5.00pm Ocean Grove Church

Please ensure that you register this week by phoning Josh Woollett on 9340 8810 or email safechurchtraining@victas.uca.org.au

"The Once and Future Bible: Reading the Scriptures today" Progressive Christian Theologian Rev. Dr. Gregory Jenks will present this talk on Sunday 26th April at St. Luke's Uniting Church, Highton at 3.00pm at a special meeting of the Geelong Section of the progressive Christian Network of Victoria.

WESLEY HYMFEST & LUGHT TEA

Sunday may 24th 2.30pm Western Heights Uniting Church, Douglass Street Herne Hill Tickets \$15 and available from Barry 5241 7073 or Jenice 5278 3135

SNEAK PEEK

Geelong Harmony Chorus with Musical Director Alex Morris And special guest quartets Something Else! & Push Play 7.15pm Monday 11th May Western Heights Uniting Church Douglass St. Herne Hill Entry by donation and includes the best supper in town!

The website has crashed again! So sorry until a new website for the parish can be arranged you have no internet access to the weekly newsletter.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the month April and May the money raised will be for the **Frontier Services.** The total for the Lenten Appeal was \$719.25 Thank you to all who give so generously.

PRAYER CONTACT: If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) please contact Helen Baum on 5255 1487.

FRIDAY COFFEE AND CHAT from 10.30am in the church foyer. Call in for 10 minutes or an hour! Enjoy a "cuppa, a chat and some laughter. ALL are welcome!

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY: this month we are asking for 1kg. packets of rice to help stock our Food Pantry. Each week we have new clients coming to seek our help and your generous contributions are much appreciated. Please bring your donated goods to Worship next Sunday when they will be offered for the work of God in our Community. We are always happy to receive non-perishable food items—please leave them in the basket provided in the foyer. Did you know that approx. 368,732 free meals were provided last year by the Food Assistance System in Geelong area—our Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is part of this system.

ADVANCE NOTICE: On Saturday July 4th we will be having a "Book and Painting Sale" to help clear out the Taj. Setting up will be done on the Friday prior so please note the two dates on your calendars now so that you keep these days free and are able to help.

SAFE CHURCH SEMINAR: please take the time to read the coloured notice on the table in the foyer. If you would like to register, but do not have access to the website, please write your name on the sheet and a bulk registration will be made on your behalf.

UCAF: The next meeting will be held on Monday May 4th at 10.00am in the church. Activity for the meeting will be Stamp trimming so please bring your stamps and scissors. Also if you are attending the 25th of May Gathering at Leopold would you please let Judy Greer or Robin Munro know before the end of April.

DIRECT DEBIT: Do you use this system for your offering for the work of the church? If so would you kindly check your bank statements that you are paying what you have indicated on the commitment form completed last year. One person has found out that the increase in their giving had not been done! If this is so contact Gillian Ryan to rectify the matter. Also on the cane table in the foyer are small cards that state "I give by Direct Debit" that you may like to use in the on Sundays in the offering bowl.